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The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

Agenda item 85: Sectoral policy questions

(a) Industrial development cooperation (*continued*)

Draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.8 and L.51: Industrial development cooperation

1. **Mr. van der Pluijm** (Belgium), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.51, which had been submitted following informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.8, and recommended that the Committee should adopt it.

2. *Draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.51 was adopted.*

3. *Draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.8 was withdrawn.*

4. **The Chairman** said that the Committee had thus completed its consideration of agenda item 85 (a).

(b) Business and development (*continued*) (A/57/591)

5. **The Chairman** proposed that the Committee should take note of the report of the Secretary-General on business and development (A/57/591) submitted under the agenda item.

6. *It was so decided.*

Agenda item 86 (b): Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (*continued*)

Draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.14: Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

7. **The Chairman** announced that Argentina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, the United States, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malta, Mongolia, the Republic of Moldova and Thailand had become sponsors of the draft resolution.

8. **Mr. Kára** (Czech Republic), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.14, submitted following informal consultations during which it had been decided by consensus to replace the language "in accordance with the outcomes of the International Conference on the Financing of Development and the World Summit on Sustainable Development" in paragraph 2 by "taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Monterrey Consensus, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development;".

9. *Draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.14, as orally revised, was adopted.*

10. **The Chairman** said that the Committee had thus completed its consideration of agenda item 86 (b).

Agenda item 89: Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (*continued*)

Draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.23 and L.52: Establishment of the World Solidarity Fund

11. **Mr. van der Pluijm** (Belgium), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.52, which had been submitted following informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.23, and recommended that the Committee should adopt it.

12. *Draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.52 was adopted.*

13. *Draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.23 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 90: Training and research

(a) United Nations University (*continued*)

Draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.48: United Nations University

14. **Mr. van der Pluijm** (Belgium), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.48, which had been drafted during informal consultations, and recommended that the Committee should adopt it.

15. **The Chairman** announced that Egypt, Indonesia, Kenya, Lebanon, Malta, Mongolia, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Turkey and Uganda had become sponsors of the draft resolution.

16. **Mr. Nadai** (Israel) and **Mr. Muangnil** (Thailand) said that their countries had also become sponsors of the draft resolution.

17. *Draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.48 was adopted.*

18. **The Chairman** said that the Committee had thus completed its consideration of agenda item 90 (a).

Announcement of additional sponsors of draft resolutions

19. **The Chairman** said that a number of delegations had become sponsors of draft resolutions: Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Thailand, of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.41 (agenda item 87); Croatia, Greece and Malta, of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.47 (agenda item 87 (c)) and Germany and Thailand, of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.49 (agenda item 86).

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20. **The Chairman** expressed his concern that there were still some 40 draft resolutions to be adopted and his regret that no progress had been made on some of them which were of a purely procedural nature, such as draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.39 on public administration and development, and had no political or financial implications; the Chairman and the Secretariat had done everything possible to facilitate the discussions; since any delay would entail additional costs for the Organization, he urged delegations to show the necessary political will and speed up the negotiations, so that the Committee would be able to complete its work as agreed on 6 December 2002.

21. **Mr. Benmellouk** (Morocco), speaking as Vice-Chairman, said that draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.39 on public administration and development had just been adopted *ad referendum* at a second informal meeting and that it should be before the Committee shortly.

22. **Mr. Niño Gómez** (Venezuela), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, **Mr. Christensen** (Denmark), speaking on behalf of the countries members of the European Union, and **Ms. Lachance** (Canada) assured the Chairman that their delegations were determined to do everything possible to enable the Committee to complete its work on schedule.

The meeting rose at 11.05 a.m.